

House Bill 168 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Mumford of the 95th, Knox of the 24th, and Forster of the 3rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-11-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to associate juvenile court judges, appointment and compensation, qualifications, conduct of hearings, and rehearing, so as to change the qualifications for an associate juvenile court judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 15-11-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to associate juvenile court judges, appointment and compensation, qualifications, conduct of hearings, and rehearing, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) The judge may appoint one or more persons to serve as associate juvenile court judge in juvenile matters on a full-time or part-time basis. The associate juvenile court judge shall serve at the pleasure of the judge, and his or her salary shall be fixed by the judge with the approval of the governing authority or governing authorities of the county or counties for which the associate juvenile court judge is appointed. The salary of each associate juvenile court judge shall be paid from county funds. ~~Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, an associate juvenile court judge shall be a member of the State Bar of Georgia or shall be a graduate of a law school; provided, however, that any person serving as a referee on July 1, 1983, shall be qualified for appointment thereafter to serve as an associate juvenile court judge.~~

(b) ~~In each county having a population of 75,000 or more according to the United States decennial census of 1990 or any such future census and which employs a full-time juvenile court judge, each~~ Each associate juvenile court judge ~~appointed after July 1, 1994,~~ shall have the same qualifications as required for a judge of the juvenile court as provided in subsection (e) of Code Section 15-11-18; provided, however, that any person serving as ~~a referee on July 1, 1983~~ an associate juvenile court judge on July 1, 2007, shall be qualified for appointment thereafter to serve as an associate juvenile court judge."

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- SECTION 2.**
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- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.